IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1-5, 8, 9, 11, 15-28, 31, 32, 34, and 38-48 without prejudice or disclaimer of the recited subject matter..

1. - 5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image; and

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first image corrected by said correcting means and said second image;

wherein said correcting means corrects gradation and hue of said first image.

7. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image; and

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image; and

adjusting means for adjusting position and size of said first image to synthesize the adjusted first image, wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first image corrected by said correcting means and said second image.

8. - 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image; and

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first image corrected by said correcting means and said second image; and

wherein said photographing condition information of the first image includes one of an exposure amount and a shutter speed, and a focus amount, a photographing magnification, a lighting light type, and an eye direction.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image; and

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first image corrected by said correcting means and said second image, and

wherein said synthesizing means uses auxiliary data concerning shape and

position of said first image to synthesize said first image and said second image.

13. (Original) An image processing apparatus according to claim 12 wherein said auxiliary data is either an outline with a predetermined size concerning said first image or mask data.

14. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image and said second image; and

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first image corrected by said correcting means and said second image, and

said correcting means corrects gradation and hue of said second image.

15. - 28. (Cancelled)

29. (Previously Presented) An image processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second image,

wherein said correcting step comprises correcting gradation and hue of said first image.

30. (Previously Presented) An image processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image; and

an adjusting step of adjusting position and size of said first image to synthesize the adjusted first image, wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said

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photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second image.

31. - 32. (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) An image processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second image, and

wherein said photographing condition information of the first image includes one of an exposure amount and a shutter speed, and a focus amount, a photographing magnification, a lighting light type, and an eye direction.

34. (Cancelled)

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35. (Previously Presented) An image processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second image, and

wherein said synthesizing step uses auxiliary data concerning shape and position of said first image to synthesize said first image and said second image.

36. (Original) An image processing method according to claim 35 wherein said auxiliary data is either an outline with a predetermined size concerning said first image or mask data.

37. (Previously Presented) An image processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image and said second image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image,

wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said

photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step

comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second

image, and

said correcting step comprises correcting gradation and hue of said second

image.

38. - 48. (Cancelled)

49. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the

first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image; and

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image,

wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing

condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first

image corrected by said correcting means and said second image;

wherein said synthesizing means synthesizes said first image and said second image, and said correcting means corrects the first image synthesized by said synthesizing means based on said photographing condition information of the first image; and

wherein said correcting means corrects gradation and hue of said first image.

50. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image;

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image; and

adjusting means for adjusting position and size of said first image to synthesize the adjusted first image, wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first image corrected by said correcting means and said second image;

wherein said synthesizing means synthesizes said first image and said second image, and said correcting means corrects the first image synthesized by said synthesizing means based on said photographing condition information of the first image.

51. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image; and

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first image corrected by said correcting means and said second image;

wherein said synthesizing means synthesizes said first image and said second image, and said correcting means corrects the first image synthesized by said synthesizing means based on said photographing condition information of the first image; and

wherein said photographing condition information of the first image includes one of an exposure amount and a shutter speed, and a focus amount, a photographing magnification, a lighting light type, and an eye direction.

52. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image; and

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first image corrected by said correcting means and said second image;

wherein said synthesizing means synthesizes said first image and said second image, and said correcting means corrects the first image synthesized by said synthesizing means based on said photographing condition information of the first image; and

wherein said synthesizing means uses auxiliary data concerning shape and position of said first image to synthesize said first image and said second image.

53. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus according to Claim 52, wherein said auxiliary data is either an outline with a predetermined size concerning said first image or mask data.

54. (Previously Presented) An image processing apparatus, comprising:

first input means for inputting a first image;

second input means for inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

third input means for inputting a second image;

correcting means for correcting said first image and said second image; and

synthesizing means for synthesizing said first image and said second image,

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wherein

said correcting means corrects said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing means synthesizes the first image corrected by said correcting means and said second image,

said synthesizing means synthesizes said first image and said second image, and said correcting means corrects the second image synthesized by said synthesizing means based on said photographing condition information of the first image and said second image, and

said correcting means corrects gradation and hue of said second image.

55. (Previously Presented) An image processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second image,

wherein said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing said first image and said

second image, and said correcting step comprises correcting the first image synthesized by said synthesizing step based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and

wherein said correcting step comprises correcting gradation and hue of said first image.

56. (Previously Presented) An image processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image; and

adjusting means for adjusting position and size of said first image to synthesize the adjusted first image, wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second image,

wherein said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing said first image and said second image, and said correcting step comprises correcting the first image synthesized by said synthesizing step based on said photographing condition information of the first image.

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57. (Previously Presented) An image processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second image,

wherein said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing said first image and said second image, and said correcting step comprises correcting the first image synthesized by said synthesizing step based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and

wherein said photographing condition information of the first image includes one or an exposure amount and a shutter speed, and a focus amount, a photographing magnification, a lighting light type, and an eye direction.

58. (Previously Presented) An image processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the

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first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second image,

wherein said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing said first image and said second image, and said correcting step comprises correcting the first image synthesized by said synthesizing step based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and

wherein said synthesizing step uses auxiliary data concerning shape and position of said first image to synthesize said first image and said second image.

59. (Previously Presented) An image processing method according to Claim 58, wherein said auxiliary data is either an outline with a predetermined size concerning said first image or mask data.

60. (Previously Presented) An input processing method, comprising:

a first input step of inputting a first image;

a second input step of inputting photographing condition information of the

first image;

a third input step of inputting a second image;

a correcting step of correcting said first image and said second image; and

a synthesizing step of synthesizing said first image and said second image, wherein

said correcting step comprises correcting said first image based on said photographing condition information of the first image, and said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing the first image corrected by said correcting step and said second image,

said synthesizing step comprises synthesizing said first image and said second image, and said correcting step comprises correcting the second image synthesized by said synthesizing step based on said photographing condition information of the first image and said second image, and

said correcting step comprises correcting gradation and hue of said second image.